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**PHARMACIST SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN CONSPIRACY
TO SELL STOLEN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

– Stolen drugs worth approximately \$59,623.00

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CRAIG RANDALL MULLINS**, age 50, of Newport, Tennessee, in Cocke County, **was sentenced** in the United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for his role in a conspiracy to resell to the purchasing public prescription drugs originally purchased by a hospital.

Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., United States District Court, sentenced **Mullins** to 4 years probation. In addition, Judge McKinley ordered **Mullins** to pay a fine of \$29,211.82 and restitution in the amount of \$30,411.18.

Mullins pled guilty to charges that, between July 2002 and July 2004, he conspired with others to sell, purchase and trade prescription drugs that originally had been purchased by a hospital in Newport, Tennessee. Specifically, **Mullins** admitted that he took pharmaceutical drugs, worth approximately \$59,623.00, from his employer, Baptist Hospital of Cocke County, and sold them to a pharmacist in McLean County, Kentucky. That pharmacist resold the stolen prescription drugs to the public as if they had been properly obtained and dispensed when in fact they had not.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eric I. Long, and was investigated by the Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigations.

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